

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAVE LEWIS**, on April 16, 2003 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Edith Clark, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. John Musgrove (D)
Rep. Jeff Pattison (R)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Stanley (Stan) Fisher (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 489, 4/15/2003
Executive Action: SB 489

HEARING ON SB 489

Sponsor: SENATOR JIM ELLIOTT, SD 36, Trout Creek

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR ELLIOTT said the Military Order of the Purple Heart decided about four years ago that it would be an appropriate gesture to establish a Purple Heart Trail across the United States. This is an extension of that Trail into the State of Montana. The funding is expected to come from contributions from the various veterans' organizations.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. PATTISON asked if the veterans' organizations have set up an account. **SENATOR ELLIOTT** said they don't have a bank account. It is a new idea. The language in the bill, page 2, line 10 explains the funding.

REP. HAINES said this includes any part of the Interstate. **SENATOR ELLIOTT** said that is correct.

REP. KASTEN asked how many signs and how far apart will they be? **SENATOR ELLIOTT** said his understanding is the signs will be put up at the state lines on the Interstate Highways.

In response to a question from **REP. RIPLEY**, **SENATOR ELLIOTT** said he believes the difference in the fiscal note reflects the action taken by the Committee.

Closing by Sponsor:

SENATOR ELLIOTT closed the Hearing on SB 489.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 489

Motion/Vote: **REP. HAINES** moved that SB 489 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 on a voice vote. **REP. SHOCKLEY** will carry on the House floor.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:15 A.M.

REP. DAVE LEWIS, Chairman

MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph82aad)